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WORKLOAD FOR CONTROLLING POLISHING)
PRESSURE APPLIED BY POLISHING HEAD)

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UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56 AND 1.97(c)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these references of official record in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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